FALEIRO): (a) With a view to rehabilitating sick but viable shipping companies, depending on the merits of each case, suitable rehabilitation packages are worked out by the Shipping Credit and Investment Co. of India. The rehabilitation package may include *inter-alia* restructuring of the outstanding loans by converting the excess of the principal amount of the debt over the actual valuation of assets into zero rated bonds and the outstanding interest into cumulative convertible preference shares;

(b) The restructuring of the debt is expected to beneft the sick but viable shipping companies by enabling the companies to improve their debt-equity ratio and net worth within a shorter span of time; the cash flow of such companies is also likely to improve as a result.

Nagas being Lured to Insurgency

2089. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that innocent Nagas have been lured to insurgency by deceptive promises of gving them a better life and forcing them to involve in acts of insurgency by giving them training across the border; and

(b) whether the Central Government have identifled the gangs operating near the Nagaland border in order to eliminate insurgency in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) NSCN undergrounds have been making recruitment from the bordering areas of Nagaland, Manipur and Tirap district of Arunachal Pradesh to augment their strentgh. These recruits are taken to Burma and are imparted training in the camps set-up by the NSCN. A few cases of enlistment of youths by offering them to take to foreign countries for arms training, etc., have also been reoprted.

(b) Small groups of undergrounds belonging to NSCN who have their bases in Burma sneak into Nagaland to indulge in violent activities. They go back to their bases after committing violence. Government had requested for the co-operation of the Burmese Government in matters relating to the movement and activities of groups operating from the Burmese territory and is shatisfied with the response received.

Setting up of an Export Authority

2090. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for the setting up of an Export Authority to serve as a single window to clear all matters relating to exports; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Suggestions are received from tme to time and efforts are made, as far as possible, to allow single window clearance in respect of matters relating to the same Ministry. However, entrusting to one single agency the responsibility and authority in respect of items administered by different Ministries and under different statutes is not practical.

Termination of Contract with MMTC by Japanese Companies

2091. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Japanese companies which had entered into an agreement with the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation to import 15 lakh tonnes of iron ore

from India during 1987-88 have asked the MMTC to terminate the contract; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Constitution of a Handloom Corporation

2092. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the constitution of a Handloom Corporation with a capital of Rs. 100 crores, with equal contribution from the State and Union Governments to ensure immediate payment of wages, supply of yarn, colours and chemicals at subsidised rates as well as to introduce group insurance and pension schemes for the benefit of the handloom workers; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Temporary Licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi

2093. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether matters relating to issue of temporary licences to Cinema Halls in Delhi fall within the Administrative Jurisdiction of the Home Ministry;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy with regard to the issuance of licences to the cinema halls;

(c) whether it is a fact that the permission and consent of the owner of the land is a must for conversion of temporary licence into a permanent one; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against the cinema halls which have violated the established policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The powers in this regard are exercised by the Delhi Police which is under the Administrative jurisdiction of this Ministry.

(b) The procedure is contained in the Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 1981.

(c) There is no provisions to convert a temporary Cinematograph licence into a permanent one. There are different sets of requirements for the grant of temporary/permanent licence, includig furnishing particulars about the ownership of the premises.

(d) As and when any violation of the provisions of the Act/Rules comes to notice, appropriate legal action is taken.

Destruction of Forest in Patkai Range in Margherita, Assam

2094 DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many acres of green forest in the Patkai range in Margherita, Assam has been destroyed by commissioning open cast projects by the authorities of North Eastern Coalfields;

(b) how many acres of cultivable land has been destroyed as a result thereof;

(c) what is the rate of fall of humidity and decrease in rainfall in this area during the last three years as a result thereof; and

(d) whether the Central Government would immediately direct the concerned authorities to stop causing further damage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (d) The details will be collected from the State Government and placed on the Table of the House.